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FISHER HANDLES BURNS

Popular Local Fistic Expert Takes Over Crack Middleweight to Stable.

WILL HANDLE HIM IN MILL WITH TORRENCE

By CHUCK SWAN.
VIO FISHER, the latest local man to break into the pugilistic ranks as manager, has annexed a real live one for his stable in the person of Whitey Burns, the crack soldier battler who cleaned up the scrappers in Pershing's expedition into Mexico. Fisher came to an agreement with Burns yesterday, and will handle the fast 155 pounder for all his future engagements.

Fisher now has rather a pretentious stable. He has a hantam-weight in Kid Harand, who is a rattling good boxer; a lightweight in Harry Muskopf, who is also some pumpkins in the ring, and now that he has lined up Whitey, all he needs is a heavyweight to make his stable complete, and he may get a big fellow soon.

He is planning a trip east with his stable just as soon as the government allows the enlisted men to "bug out" of the army. This will probably come soon now, as the Mexican trouble is all a hoax, at least to the soldiers.

Burns is a rattling good boxer. In fact, he's going to show the fans some real classy work Sunday at the Smelter arena, when he steps in rounds with Buck Torrence, and he's liable to whip Buck at that, although Torrence is a mighty sweet boxer.

Buddy Hamilton, who was billed to meet Young Miller at the Smelter Sunday, may have to postpone his opening here, owing to having signed for a bout at the army theater in Fort Bliss previous to his manager agreeing to show him before matchmaker Jim Brown's club. Hamilton is a nice boy, and likes to stick to his word, so for that reason, he will carry out his agreement with the army theater promoter, which calls for him to box there in the near future.

WOLGAST BREAKS DOWN; TOO MUCH TRAINING

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—Ad Wolgast, former world's lightweight champion, is suffering from a general nervous breakdown, his physician said today. The former champion's breakdown, physicians said, was superinduced by excessive training and boxing. Wolgast is 29 years old.

EVERS TO MANAGE YANKEES

This is Latest Report New York Scribes Are Raving About These Days.

SLATED TO REPLACE OLD BILL DONOVAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—John Evers, known the country over as one of the most aggressive ball players in the game, is to go to the New York Highlanders, qualify as manager, succeed Wild Bill Donovan and become the rival of John J. McGraw.

That is the elaborate feature behind the trade talk which has been the subject of much of the American and National League.

Succeeds Donovan Next Year.
The trade, discussed all of last season, looks as if it would be completed this week, is almost certain to be consummated before the start of the playing season and the first step toward making the Trojan the manager of a New York team will have been completed.

Evers is not to become the manager of the Yankees at once as Bill Donovan has been engaged for the managerial position for this season. But Evers is to become acquainted with the team and will succeed the former star pitcher at the end of the year.

Donovan Lacks Aggressiveness.
The owners of the Yankees feel that Donovan is not the man to combat McGraw. The latter is a hustler, a fighter, one of the most aggressive men in the game and has won thousands of fans in Gotham and the remainder of the baseball world as a result. He is a big attraction and it is the plan of Ruppert and of Huston to mold Evers into the same sort of an asset.

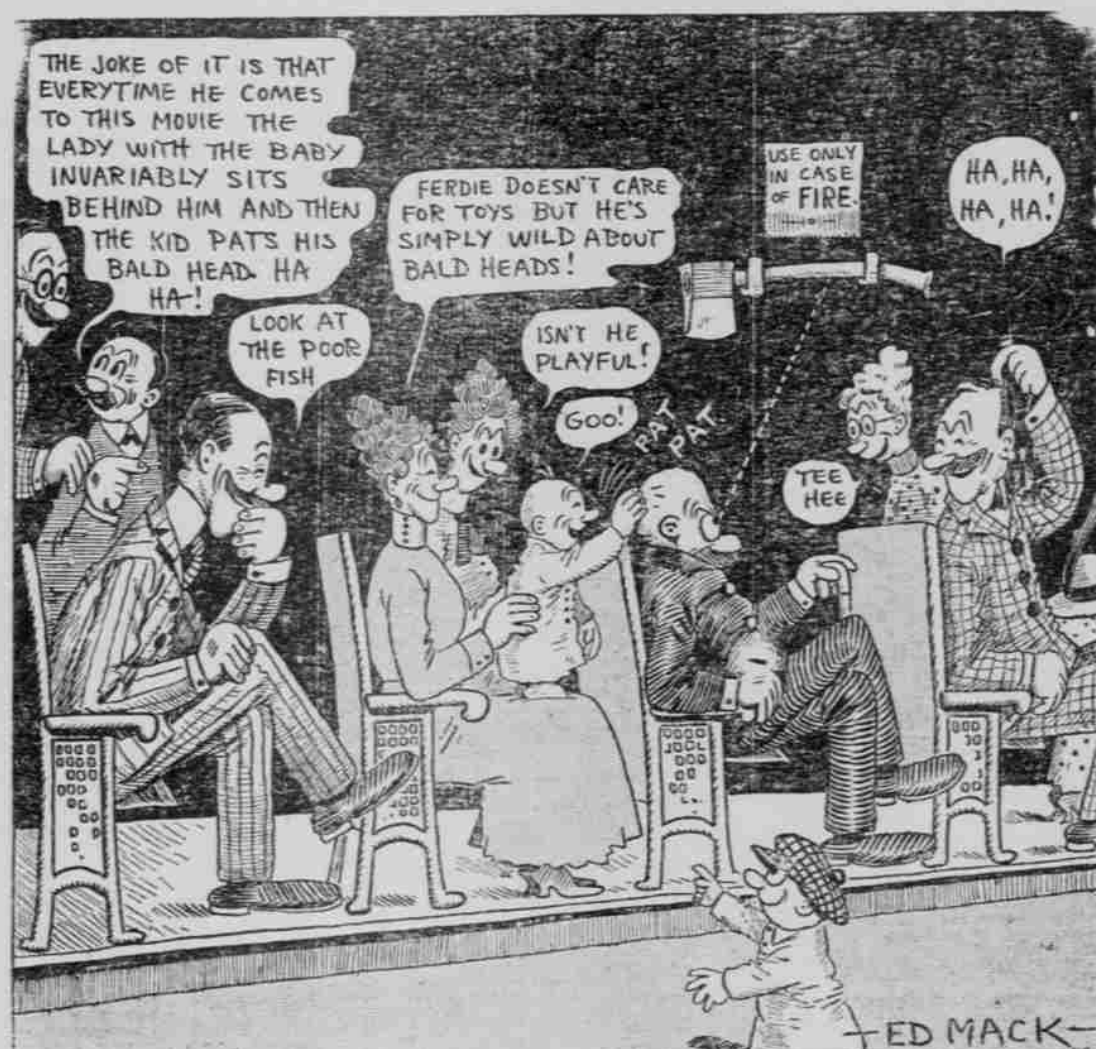
Evers, just as aggressive, just as much a hustler, has the natural advantages and in addition has had the managerial experience. And it might be remarked that Evers, when leader of the Cubs, was a success and practical baseball men believe that if he had been maintained at the head of the club that it would have gone on a winner.

SCOTTISH BUSINESS MEN ASK FOR GOLF ON SUNDAY

There is no golf play in Scotland on Sunday. The "Lord's Day Act" is strictly enforced. A movement is on foot to annul this law. The supremacy of the English over the Scotch is attributed by many to the fact that in England they play Sunday golf. Scottish business men are clamoring for seven-day golf, but they are due for hard fight.

The Movies

By ED MACK



Willard And Fulton May Meet In New York For Heavyweight Title

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Jess Willard vs. Fred Fulton. That's the combination that promises to start something in the fistic world and to settle a lot of arguments that have been flying for many months.

Willard Feels Criticism.
Friends close to Willard declare that Jess has felt the sting of public criticism directed against him for his failure to fight and that now he is ready to fight.

And when Grant Hugh Browne, the active promoter of Madison Square Garden of New York, heard of this he immediately got out his note book, figured how many pounds of the muzzma he could either in by starting such a fight and announced March 26 as the date for the match, provided, of course, the boxing hall boys in the New York legislature did not beat him to it.

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Dearth of Tennis Experts Handicaps The Middle West

AS FAR as the tennis man is concerned, that great stretch of country lying between the Allegheny and Rocky mountains occupies a rather insignificant position. Looking over the history of ranking tennis players for years back, we discover that outside of Kreigh Collins, who happened to be a Chicago man, there has been no tennis player of great national reputation who might claim the middle west as his birthplace.

No Real Champions in Middle West.
The real champions have either been Californians or easterners. McLaughlin and Johnston have upheld the honors for Pacific Coast, while R. D. Wrenn, W. A. Larned, W. J. Clothier and J. N. Williams are the names of a few easterners who will never be forgotten in the annals of tennis history. The middle west has never aspired as high as national honors, although Kreigh Collins was selected to play in the International one year.

The rise of players like McLaughlin, Johnston, Griffin, Strachan and others on the coast has not been the natural outgrowth of events. They were taken and trained as youngsters, and after having at first championship skill with the racket, a tennis organization paid all their expenses to and from eastern tournaments, where they might witness and compete against the class of the country. So the tale had unusual opportunities at the outset. Means, training and leisure were proffered them before such things fell to the lot of middle westerners.

No Organization in Middle West.
To date the players in that wide expanse of territory between the Rockies

and the eastern seaboard have no organization which might take an interest in a young player with prospects and aspirations and afford him opportunity to play in large tournaments against first-class men. For it is only by competing against better men than himself that a young player raises his standard to championship flights. This is the most important reason for the dearth of first ten men in the middle west, since the majority of the younger players have seen nothing save local talent perform and have competed against no players ranked above the second or third ten groups. The east has a monopoly on first-class tournaments, the best only one even of any great importance held in the middle west, that being staged at the Onwentsis club, Lake Forest, Ill.

STECHER TO WRESTLE WITH AD SANTEL

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 22.—Joe Stecher, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, will meet Ad Santel, Pacific coast champion, in a match scheduled for today. The winner of the decision or of two out of three falls is to claim the world's championship.

VOSHALL WINS INDOOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, Feb. 22.—Howard Voshall, Brooklyn won the national indoor tennis singles championship today by defeating Clifford B. Herd, Los Angeles, in straight sets on the courts of the seventh regiment here. Score, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2. Voshall handled Herd's fast serves easily and beat the Californian at the net.

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CHICAGO SPENDS PLENTY

Costs Cubs Around \$16,000 To Take Team To Coast On Spring Trip.

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THE Chicago Cubs, started for their training camp at Pasadena, Cal., on Tuesday, will not only inaugurate the 1917 baseball season but left upon the most expensive conditioning jaunt in the history of the game.

Costs Weighman \$16,000.

President Weighman was out of pocket almost \$16,000 when the special train departed over the Santa Fe, filled to its last upper berth with baseball players, officials, scribes, well wishers of the club who journeyed to California that they might witness the practice stunts and the golden state at the same time. The total expenditure faced by Mr. Weighman amounts to \$16,000. Forty men were figured in the squad and that is none too many for manager Mitchell will have no less than 25 players, a trainer, secretary, Williams, John Sava, the publicity man and these in addition to the president of the club and Tip O'Neill who is now on the coast representing the club will bring the total well above that number.

The expenses of each man are figured as follows: Railroad fare to California and return, \$15.00; berth to California and return, \$25.00; 51 days' board at \$4 a day, \$204.00; incidentals, \$50.00; total, \$329.00.

Multiply that by 40, the number of men carried and you have \$13,160. To give you an idea of how much money that is in attendance it will require three crowds of 15,000 each to pay for the conditioning of the team. Fifteen thousand people will pay \$900 to see a game of which the home club will receive \$525.

BALL PLAYERS WILL COACH SOUTHERN COLLEGE TEAMS

Sam Crawford and Jack Coombs will coach southern college ball teams this spring before reporting to their managers for spring training. Sam Crawford will teach the embryo ball tossers of Trinity college, and Jack Coombs has the athletes of Rice institute under his wing.

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TALKING IT OVER

Your Views and Mine.

By CHUCK SWAN.

THIS melee at the Smelter arena today should be a ripping affair, with Newton the favorite. Vandraker, who boxes John, will find his hands full, but Johnny says he's going to win. More Power, John, More Power.

Have you heard the Second Ohio band play "Dixie Doodle"?

Kid Williams has been knocked out of another fight. He was matched with Pat Moore in Memphis, Feb. 26, but Kid Wolfe broke Pat's arm in Cleveland Tuesday in the fourth round. Result—Exit Mr. Moore from the boxing game for a few months.

Ed Bang, the Cleveland sport scribe, has written a nifty story about Johnny Kilbane, which sets Johnny just about right in the eyes of the ring fans. John has been in a funny predicament for some time and the story is mighty timely. It will be found elsewhere in the Sport section.

Dough boy, Dough boy, have you any pull?
Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Three bags full. Then use it to the Congressman and in the Upper House.
And if you ever get us home, I'll stake you to a house.

Hank Marvin is a candidate for the Cockoo club. He met H. T. H. last night. "Nuf Sed."

CAPT. YOUNG N IS SOME STAR VILLETE IN THE THIRD OHIO INFANTRY. WE LAMPED HIM LAST NIGHT PLAYING CHECKERS. AND WE MUST SAY THAT, AS A CHECKER PLAYER, HE IS SOME SLEEP EATER.

A Dollar, a Dollar, a Dollar.
A six o'clock holier.
"Why wake us up so soon?"
(xx-xx-xx-xx-xx-xx)
If you haven't got yesterday Best on the case.
I'd much rather sleep till noon.

Lieut. Wolfe leads the league in the Third Ohio. They keep score on the wall, and it's always open to inspection, if memory serves

us right, Wolfe has a total score of 19.

Oh, for a machine which don't stop more than twice a day.

By the way, it's about time for Tommy O'Toole to break into print again. The Hard Boiled Egg club will have to get after him.

Col. Zimmerman, of the Fifth Ohio, has been nominated for membership in the Hard Boiled Egg club. Anybody who can sell the "Lemon Tree" sure is entitled to membership. Luna Park, please copy.

No excitement last night, eh, Hefy?

Well, if we must say it. The baseball season soon starts.



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